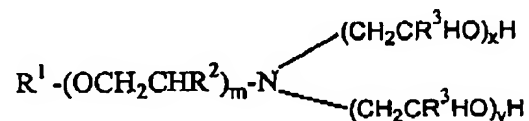


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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:  
 carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent; ~~and~~  
 alkoxylated amine; and  
acidulant.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent comprises a C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> alkyl carboxylic acid, or salt or ester thereof.
3. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> alkyl carboxylic acid comprises octanoic acid, heptanoic acid, decanoic acid, dodecanoic acid, myristic acid, or mixture thereof.
4. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> alkyl carboxylic acid comprises octanoic acid.
5. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the alkoxylated amine comprises ether alkoxylated amine, alkyl alkoxylated amine, or mixture thereof.
6. (Original) The composition of claim 5, wherein the alkoxylated amine comprises ether alkoxylated amine of Formula III:



where: R<sup>1</sup> is a straight or branched alkyl or alkylaryl; R<sup>2</sup> is independently in each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl from 1 to 6 carbons; R<sup>3</sup> is independently in each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl

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of from 1 to 6 carbons; m is about 1 to about 20; x and y is each independently 1 to about 20; and x+y averages from about 1 to about 40.

7. (Original) The composition of claim 5, wherein the alkoxyated amine comprises ether alkoxyated amine comprising:

C<sub>12</sub> to C<sub>14</sub> propoxy amine ethoxylate of the formula: R-(PO)<sub>10</sub>N[EO]<sub>2.5</sub>-H[EO]<sub>2.5</sub>-H;

C<sub>12</sub> to C<sub>14</sub> propoxy amine ethoxylate of the formula: R-(PO)<sub>5</sub>N[EO]<sub>2.5</sub>-H[EO]<sub>2.5</sub>-H;

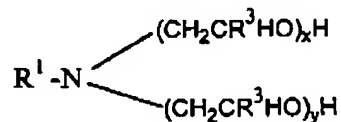
C<sub>12</sub> to C<sub>14</sub> propoxy amine ethoxylate of the formula: R-(PO)<sub>2</sub>N[EO]<sub>2.5</sub>-H[EO]<sub>2.5</sub>-H;

poly (5) oxyethylene isodecyloxypropylamine, which has a branched C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub> alkyl group off the ether oxygen;

iso-(2-hydroxyethyl) isodecyloxypropylamine, which has a branched C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub> alkyl group off the ether oxygen;

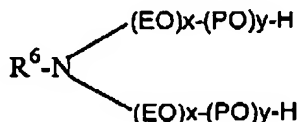
or mixture thereof.

8. (Original) The composition of claim 5, wherein the alkoxyated amine comprises alkyl alkoxyated amine of Formula V:



where: R<sup>1</sup> is straight or branched alkyl or alkylaryl; R<sup>3</sup> is independently in each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl of from 1 to 6 carbons; x and y each independently average from 0 to about 25; and x+y average from about 1 to about 50.

9. (Original) The composition of claim 8, wherein the alkyl alkoxyated amine has Formula VI:



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where:  $R^6$  is C18 alkyl; x and y each independently average from 0 to about 25; and x+y averages from about 1 to about 50.

10. (Original) The composition of claim 9, wherein the alkyl alkoxyated amine comprises N,N-bis-2(omega-hydroxypolyoxyethylene/polyoxypropylene)ethyl alkylamine (CAS number 68213-26-3).

11. (Original) The composition of claim 9, wherein the alkyl alkoxyated amine has chemical formula  $C_{64}H_{130}O_{18}$ .

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1[[2]], wherein the acidulant comprises phosphoric acid, citric acid, lactic acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, hydroxyacetic acid, gluconic acid, oxalic, formic acid, glutaric acid, malic acid, hydroxy propionic acid, succinic acid, adipic acid, fumaric acid, ~~fumaric~~ or a mixture thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~12~~ 13, wherein the acidulant comprises phosphoric acid, citric acid, lactic acid, or a mixture thereof.

15. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising surfactant.

16. (Original) The composition of claim 15, wherein the surfactant comprises anionic surfactant, amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, or mixture thereof.

17. (Original) The composition of claim 16, comprising anionic surfactant, the anionic surfactant comprising alkyl sulfonate, alkylaryl sulfonate, alcohol alkoxylate carboxylate, sarcosinate, taurate, acyl amino acid, alkanolic ester, phosphate ester, sulfuric acid ester, salt or ester thereof, or mixture thereof.

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18. (Original) The composition of claim 16, comprising amphoteric surfactant, the amphoteric surfactant comprising acyl amino acid, N-alkyl amino acid, salt or ester thereof, or mixture thereof.

19. (Original) The composition of claim 16, comprising nonionic surfactant, the nonionic surfactant comprising alcohol alkoxylate, arylacyl alkoxylate, amine oxide, alkoxide condensate; EOPO block, reverse, or heteric polymer polysaccharide ether; or mixture thereof.

20. (Original) The composition of claim 19, wherein the alcohol alkoxylate comprises C<sub>9</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> linear ethoxylate with 7 moles EO average, C<sub>9</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> linear ethoxylate with 3 moles EO average, or mixture thereof.

21. (Original) The composition of claim 15, wherein the surfactant comprises cocoamidopropyl betaine.

22. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising solvent.

23. (Original) The composition of claim 22, wherein the solvent comprises isopropyl alcohol.

24. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising diluent.

25. (Original) The composition of claim 24, wherein the diluent comprises water.

26. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising sequestrant.

27. (Original) The composition of claim 26, wherein the sequestrant comprises aminomethylene triphosphonic acid or 1-hydroxy ethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid.

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28. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing microbial population on an object, comprising contacting the object with a composition comprising:

carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent; ~~and~~  
 alkoxylated amine; and  
acidulant.

29. (New) A composition comprising:

carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent; and  
 alkoxylated amine;

wherein the composition comprises alkoxylated amine and carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent at a ratio in the range of about 1:1 to about 9:1.

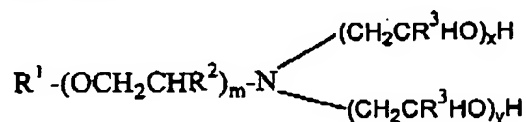
30. (New) The composition of claim 29, wherein the ratio of alkoxylated amine and carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent is in the range of about 2:1 to about 6:1.

31. (New) The composition of claim 29, wherein the ratio of alkoxylated amine and carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent is in the range of about 2.5:1 to about 3.5:1.

32. (New) The composition of claim 29, wherein the ratio of alkoxylated amine and carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent is about 3:1.

33. (New) The composition of claim 29, wherein the carboxylic acid comprises octanoic acid.

34. (New) The composition of claim 29, wherein the alkoxylated amine comprises ether alkoxylated amine of Formula III:



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